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Letter dated 2 June 1999 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention a statement on the granting of the right to vote and to stand as candidates to Kuwaiti women issued on 31 May 1999 by the Presidency of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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Annex

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Statement on the granting of the right to vote and to stand as candidates to Kuwaiti women issued on 31 May 1999 by the Presidency of the European Union

The European Union has taken note with interest of the decision by the Emir of Kuwait to grant women the right to vote and to stand as candidates. It welcomes this major political development, which does justice to the role played by women in Kuwaiti society. The European Union hopes that it will be possible to put this decision into effect as soon as possible.

The European Union considers that the initiative taken by the Emir of Kuwait should promote human rights and strengthen democratic forces within that country.